भारतीय और विदेशी फर्मो के सहयोग से चल रहे संयुक्त उद्यमों के कार्यनिष्पादन के संबंध में कराया गया सर्वेक्षण

1423. **श्री अजीत जोगी** :
श्री शमशेर सिंह सुरजेवाला
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क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय और विदेशी फमों के सहयोग से चल रहे सयुंक्त उद्यमों के कार्य निष्पादन के संबंध में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया हैं,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं; और

(ग) विदेशों में स्थित भारतीय संयुक्त उद्यमों की कमियों/खामियों को दूर करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोल्ला बुल्ली रमैया) : (क) और (ख) जी नहीं । विदेशों में भारतीय संयुक्त उद्यमों के सबंध में विगत हाल ही में कोई अध्ययन नहीं किया गया है । तथापि, संयुक्त उद्यमों/पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपनियों के कार्यो पर आर.बी.आई द्वारा मामले के आधार पर निगरानी रखी जाती है तथा आवश्यकतानुसार समुचित उपाय किए जाते हैं ।

(ग) सरकार विदेशों से संयुक्त उद्यमों/ पूर्ण स्वामित्व वाली सहायक कंपरियों में भारतीय प्रत्यक्ष पूंजी निवेश संबंधी दिशानिर्देशो की समय-समय पर पुनरीक्षा का उन्हें संशोधित करती रहती है ताकि उनमें और अधिक उदारता लायी जा सके। तथापि, यदि कोई भारतीय फर्म इन दिशानिर्देशों के किसी प्रावधान का उल्लघंन करती है अथवा अनुमति-पत्र में निहित किसी शर्त को पुरा करने में विफल रहती है अथवा यदि आर.बी.आई. इस बात से संतुष्ट है कि ऐसा करना जन हित में है तो, आर बी आई मौजूदा निदशानिर्देशों के पैरा 18 के अनुसार, भारतीय पार्टी को आपकी साझेदारी को समाप्त करने तथा सभी प्राप्तियों एंव हकदारियों की निश्रित अवधि के भीतर भारत में भेजने के निर्देश दे सकता है।

Anomaly in STC Service Charges

1424. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to, state:

(a) whether Government's attention has since been drawn towards the newsitem, appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 15th July, 1997, captioned "Anomaly in STC service charges"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) Government have noted the captioned newsitem "Anomaly in STC service charges" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of India dated 15th July, 1997.

(b) Administrative Staff College of India (ASI), Hyderabad had examined the aspect for payment of service charge and overheads on commodities handled by STC. Based on the recommendations made by Administrative Staff College of India (ASI), Hyderabad which were accepted, the Government had been making payment of overheads to STC in proportion to sales in addition to interest on capital employed plus 0.5% of CIF value as service charge in respect of import of edible oils. However, in regard to import of sugar during 1994-95, Ministry of Finance decided for payment of 1.20% of CIF value to STC as service charge, which was paid by FCI. The same rate of service charge as for sugar has been mutually agreed to between FCI and STC for wheat imports. The service charge of Rs. 17 PMT being paid to STC for urea import* is as was fixed by the Govt, for MMTC and other PSUs etc. for similar imports.

पुराने टायरों के आयात पर प्रतिबंध

1425. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारतीय टायर उद्योग ने पुराने टायरों के आयात पर प्रतिबंध लगाने की मांग की है;

(ख) क्या पुराने और नये टायरों को आयात के लिए प्रतिबैधि वस्तुओं की श्रेणी से हटाकर मुक्त श्रेणी के अन्तर्गत रखा गया है, और

(ग) भारतीय टायर उद्योग की मांग पर सरकार की क्या प्रक्रिया है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोल्ला बुल्ली रमैया) : (क) से (ग) जी, हां। टायर उद्योग के प्रतिवेदन की जांच की जा रही है तथा जैसे ही इस पर कोई निर्णय लिया जाता है, इसकी घोषणा अधिसूचना के जरिए की जाएगी।

Inclusion of Indian Units in the U.S. watch list

1426. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem relating to unilateral US decision to include dozens of Indian units in the watch list violating World Trade Organisation regulations;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up the issue with the US Government; and

(c) if so, details of the result achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) The US Commerce Department has notified a list of foreign end users including four Indian units viz. Bharat Electronics. Ltd. (BEL), Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research and Indian Rare Earths Ltd., Under US domestic legislation pertaining to US non-proliferation concerns. Following this notification, all imports from the US by these organisations will be under licence procedures. The Government has taken up the matter with the US authorities. India's opposition to such ad hoc discriminatory export control regimes has been reiterated to the US Government. Indis's exemplary record is not permitting export of these items to countries where it could be used for non-civilan purposes has been pointed out.

Abnormal Rise in Tea Prices

1427. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for abnormal rise in the prices of tea in the last two months; and

(b) steps taken to bring down the tea prices to normal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) Reasons for upward trend in tea prices are increase in global demand for tea including demand for Indian tea and shortfall in tea production in countries like Kenya and Sri Lanka. Increase in the prices is not only at Indian auctions but also at other auction centres like Colombo and Mombasa.

(b) Prices of tea are not controlled. These are determined by demand and supply position in the market. However, in order to stabilise the prices, Tea Board has held discussions with the tea industry on the current tea price situation. The industry has been advised to ensure availability of sufficient tea in the market and gstriet compliance with the Tea Marketing (Control) Order 1984. A close watch is being kepi on the situation.

Functioning of Market Development Assistance

1428. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a-) how is the functioning of the Market Development Fund now called the Market Development Assistance;

(b) what are the achievements of the MD A; and

(c) what steps will be taken to improve the functioning of MDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Market Development Assistance